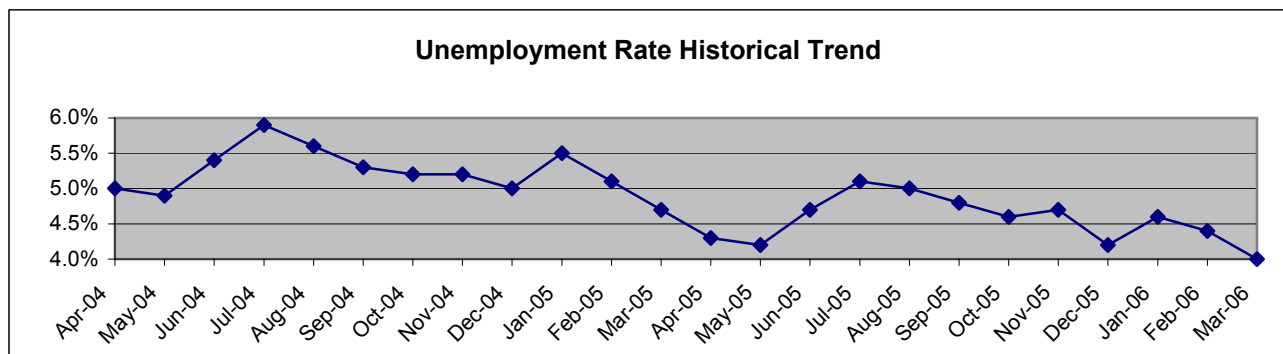


IMMEDIATE RELEASE

OXNARD-THOUSAND OAKS-VENTURA METROPOLITAN STATISTICAL AREA (MSA)
 (Ventura County)

The unemployment rate in Ventura County was 4.0 percent in March 2006, down from 4.4 percent in February 2006, and below the year-ago estimate of 4.7 percent. This compares with an unadjusted unemployment rate of 5.0 percent for California and 4.8 percent for the nation during the same period.



Industry	Feb-2006	Mar-2006	Change		Mar-2005	Mar-2006	Change
Total Jobs	317,000	321,300	4,300		315,500	321,300	5,800
Farm Jobs	22,400	25,600	3,200		25,200	25,600	400
Nonfarm Jobs	294,600	295,700	1,100		290,300	295,700	5,400
Natural Resources and Mining	700	700	0		700	700	0
Construction	18,800	18,700	(100)		18,000	18,700	700
Manufacturing	38,700	38,800	100		38,600	38,800	200
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	55,300	55,500	200		53,600	55,500	1,900
Information	6,100	6,100	0		6,100	6,100	0
Financial Activities	24,800	24,800	0		24,300	24,800	500
Professional and Business Services	38,800	39,000	200		38,300	39,000	700
Educational and Health Services	29,400	29,400	0		28,400	29,400	1,000
Leisure and Hospitality	29,000	29,400	400		28,800	29,400	600
Other Services	10,400	10,500	100		10,700	10,500	(200)
Government	42,600	42,800	200		42,800	42,800	0

Notes: Data not adjusted for seasonality. Data may not add due to rounding.

Labor Force data are not revised month to month

Additional data are available on-line at www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov

Oxnard-Thousand Oaks-Ventura MSA

Ventura County

Industry Employment & Labor Force
March 2005 Benchmark

Data Not Adjusted for Seasonality

	Mar 05	Jan 06	Feb 06	Mar 06	Percent Change	
					Month	Year
Civilian Labor Force (1)	422,300	419,400	420,400	422,700	0.5%	0.1%
Civilian Employment	402,500	400,200	402,000	405,600	0.9%	0.8%
Civilian Unemployment	19,800	19,200	18,400	17,100	-7.1%	-13.6%
Civilian Unemployment Rate	4.7%	4.6%	4.4%	4.0%		
(CA Unemployment Rate)	5.8%	5.3%	5.4%	5.0%		
(U.S. Unemployment Rate)	5.4%	5.1%	5.1%	4.8%		
Total, All Industries (2)	315,500	311,600	317,000	321,300	1.4%	1.8%
Total Farm	25,200	18,700	22,400	25,600	14.3%	1.6%
Total Nonfarm	290,300	292,900	294,600	295,700	0.4%	1.9%
Total Private	247,500	250,600	252,000	252,900	0.4%	2.2%
Goods Producing	57,300	57,600	58,200	58,200	0.0%	1.6%
Natural Resources and Mining	700	700	700	700	0.0%	0.0%
Construction	18,000	18,300	18,800	18,700	-0.5%	3.9%
Building, Develop & Gen Cont & Hvy Const	5,000	5,300	5,500	5,500	0.0%	10.0%
Specialty Trade Contractors	13,000	13,000	13,300	13,200	-0.8%	1.5%
Manufacturing	38,600	38,600	38,700	38,800	0.3%	0.5%
Durable Goods	24,500	24,500	24,400	24,400	0.0%	-0.4%
Machinery Manufacturing	3,800	3,700	3,700	3,700	0.0%	-2.6%
Computer and Electronic Product Manufacturing	9,000	8,900	8,900	8,900	0.0%	-1.1%
Residual- Miscellaneous Manufacturing	11,700	11,900	11,800	11,800	0.0%	0.9%
Nondurable Goods	14,100	14,100	14,300	14,400	0.7%	2.1%
Residual-Food Manufacturing	5,600	5,600	5,600	5,600	0.0%	0.0%
Chemical Manufacturing	8,500	8,500	8,700	8,800	1.1%	3.5%
Service Providing	233,000	235,300	236,400	237,500	0.5%	1.9%
Private Service Producing	190,200	193,000	193,800	194,700	0.5%	2.4%
Trade, Transportation and Utilities	53,600	55,600	55,300	55,500	0.4%	3.5%
Wholesale Trade	12,400	12,600	12,800	12,800	0.0%	3.2%
Retail Trade	35,400	37,100	36,600	36,700	0.3%	3.7%
Food and Beverage Stores	6,800	7,500	7,500	7,500	0.0%	10.3%
Clothing and Clothing Accessories Stores	3,500	3,700	3,600	3,600	0.0%	2.9%
General Merchandise Stores	6,300	6,900	6,500	6,500	0.0%	3.2%
Residual-Miscellaneous Store Retailers	18,800	19,000	19,000	19,100	0.5%	1.6%
Transportation, Warehousing and Utilities	5,800	5,900	5,900	6,000	1.7%	3.4%
Utilities	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	0.0%
Transportation and Warehousing	4,800	4,900	4,900	5,000	2.0%	4.2%
Information	6,100	6,200	6,100	6,100	0.0%	0.0%
Residual-Publishing Industries (except Internet)	3,400	3,600	3,500	3,500	0.0%	2.9%
Telecommunications	2,700	2,600	2,600	2,600	0.0%	-3.7%
Financial Activities	24,300	24,700	24,800	24,800	0.0%	2.1%
Finance and Insurance	19,900	20,200	20,300	20,300	0.0%	2.0%
Residual-Other Finance	900	1,000	1,000	1,000	0.0%	11.1%
Credit Intermediation and Related Activities	11,100	11,600	11,700	11,700	0.0%	5.4%
Insurance Carriers and Related	7,900	7,600	7,600	7,600	0.0%	-3.8%
Real Estate and Rental and Leasing	4,400	4,500	4,500	4,500	0.0%	2.3%
Professional and Business Services	38,300	38,500	38,800	39,000	0.5%	1.8%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	14,800	15,300	15,400	15,500	0.6%	4.7%
Management of Companies and Enterprises	3,500	3,600	3,600	3,600	0.0%	2.9%
Administrative and Support and Waste Services	20,000	19,600	19,800	19,900	0.5%	-0.5%
Administrative and Support Services	19,200	18,800	19,000	19,100	0.5%	-0.5%
Employment Services	8,300	8,300	8,500	8,600	1.2%	3.6%
Residual-Other Support Services	10,900	10,500	10,500	10,500	0.0%	-3.7%
Waste Management and Remediation Services	800	800	800	800	0.0%	0.0%
Educational and Health Services	28,400	29,000	29,400	29,400	0.0%	3.5%
Residual-Educational Services	8,000	8,000	8,300	8,300	0.0%	3.8%
Health Care	20,400	21,000	21,100	21,100	0.0%	3.4%

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Leisure and Hospitality	28,800	28,700	29,000	29,400	1.4%	2.1%
Arts, Entertainment, and Recreation	4,900	4,800	5,000	5,100	2.0%	4.1%
Accommodation and Food Service	23,900	23,900	24,000	24,300	1.3%	1.7%
Accommodation	2,500	2,700	2,700	2,800	3.7%	12.0%
Food Services and Drinking Places	21,400	21,200	21,300	21,500	0.9%	0.5%
Other Services	10,700	10,300	10,400	10,500	1.0%	-1.9%
Government	42,800	42,300	42,600	42,800	0.5%	0.0%
Federal Government	7,400	7,300	7,200	7,200	0.0%	-2.7%
Other Federal Government	2,400	2,400	2,400	2,400	0.0%	0.0%
Department of Defense	5,000	4,900	4,800	4,800	0.0%	-4.0%
State and Local Government	35,400	35,000	35,400	35,600	0.6%	0.6%
State Government	2,200	2,500	2,400	2,400	0.0%	9.1%
State Government Education	600	700	700	700	0.0%	16.7%
Other State Government	1,600	1,800	1,700	1,700	0.0%	6.3%
Local Government	33,200	32,500	33,000	33,200	0.6%	0.0%
Local Government Education	19,300	18,800	19,000	19,000	0.0%	-1.6%
County	7,900	7,800	7,900	8,000	1.3%	1.3%
City	4,200	4,200	4,300	4,300	0.0%	2.4%
Other Local Government	1,800	1,700	1,800	1,900	5.6%	5.6%

Note 1: Civilian labor force data are by place of residence; include self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Note 2: Industry employment is by place of work; excludes self-employed individuals, unpaid family workers, household domestic workers, & workers on strike.

Effective with the release of the February data on March 24, 2006, we will no longer release revised monthly labor force data for the previous month. Labor force data for all geographic areas will not be revised until the annual benchmark process.

These data are produced by the Labor Market Information Division of the California State Employment Development Department (EDD). Questions should be directed to: Abel Alcocer-818/897-8097 or Bradley Kemp (323/290-5966)

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